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At the First Session of the Sixth Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was reelected DPRK President —the leader who founded the ever-victorious Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK, a true workers and peasants' state, carrying forward the brilliant revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese struggle and has been leading our revolution along the highway of victory.

The session reelected the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in accordance with the unanimous will and desire of the entire Korean people and solemnly announced this great national jubilation to the nation and to the world.

The historic moment when the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was reelected President, the entire deputies and observers raised the stormy cheers of "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" with infinite emotion and joy.

The reelection of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung as President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is an expression of the entire Korean people's absolute trust in and infinite reverence for the great leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung who has ushered in a new epoch of socialism and communism in our country under the banner of the great Juche idea and led the Korean revolution along the highway of victory and glory, overcoming manifold difficulties and ordeals for over half a century, to liberate the country and build a powerful socialist state, independent, self-supporting and self-defensive, in this land and made our people the most dignified and proud people; it is a manifestation of our people's unshakable will and determination to hold in high esteem and follow respected and beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung forever with loyalty.

All the assemblage were filled with the resolve to fight stoutly to the end for the realization of the historic cause of national reunification and the cause of socialism and communism, upholding the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. They reverentially wished good health and a long life to the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

THE GREAT LEADER COMRADE KIM IL SUNG REELECTED PRESIDENT OF DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

At the First Session of the Sixth Supreme People's Assembly

The First Session of the Sixth Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea reelected the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung the DPRK President, who founded the ever-victorious Workers' Party of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a genuine worker-peasant state, both of which are successor to the brilliant revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese struggle, and who has been leading our revolution along the road of victory.

In discussing the first item on the agenda of the session "Election of President of the DPRK", Deputy Kim Il first made a speech on the election of the DPRK President.

In his speech he said:

Authorized by the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, I would like to inform the Supreme People's Assembly of its proposal on reelecting the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung the President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, representing the unshakable will and unanimous desire of all the Party members and the entire people.

Respected and beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung peerless in the history of thousands of years, is the sun of the nation whom our people hold in high esteem and the great revolutionary leader who, by wisely leading our revolution for half a century, spread the new history of Juche Korea and brilliantly realized the desire of the nation and the ideal of the people.

He is the great thinker and theoretician of our times who discovered the truth of Juche and put forward the perfect revolutionary ideas of the working class, an integral system of ideology, theory and method of Juche.

He is the wise and pre-eminent outstanding great revolutionary leader who set an epoch-making example in the revolution and construction by leading to a shining victory the struggle of our people for national independence and the building of a new society with his outstanding and tested leadership and who skilfully solves all complex problems arising in the development of revolution and world politics.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is the tender-hearted father of the people, who has been devoting his whole life to the masses of the working people with noble communist virtues, loving the people with deepest care.

Respected and beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung is the sun of the nation and the great revolutionary leader who radically changed the position of our fatherland and the status of our people and set up socialist Korea, "a country of miracle in the 20th century", in the East by displaying preeminent wisdom, outstanding leadership and lofty virtues and setting brilliant examples in the revolution and construction. Today the whole nation look up to the respected and beloved leader as the lodestar of fatherland restoration and as the great revolutionary leader and boundlessly respect and revere and absolutely trust him.

Saying that in the whole period of his revolutionary activities, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has, devoted his all not only to the Korean revolution but also to the development of the world revolution and made an immortal contribution to the cause of liberation of the oppressed people, the speaker emphasized:

Thanks to the undying feats and contribution he has made for the common cause of mankind for socialism and communism and for the triumphant advance of the national liberation movement and non-aligned movement and for the strengthening and development of the international revolutionary movement as a whole, the respected and beloved leader enjoys deepest respect and trust of the world's revolutionary people and progressive mankind and high authority and prestige among them.

To hold the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in high esteem forever as the President of the DPRK, our glorious fatherland, and advance vigorously under his wise leadership—this is the unanimous will and unshaken faith of our people, he said and went on:

This ardent desire of our people also reflects the desire of the south Korean patriotic people of different social strata who are unfolding a righteous struggle to hasten the day when 50 million compatriots will live together happily in a reunified homeland under his leadership. And it reflects the earnest desire of the 600,000 Korean citizens in Japan and all other overseas compatriots who find themselves worth living and feel national pride under the benevolent care of the fatherly leader.

The proposal was greeted with boundless joy and excitement of all the deputies and observers.

The entire attendants of the session, overflowing with emotion, sent up cheers of "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" looking up to the respected and beloved leader who has been devoting his all solely to the prosperity and grandeur of the fatherland and the freedom and happiness of the people all through his life.

Then deputies O Jin U, Pak Jong Hyon, Choe Byong Gu and Kim Bo Bi made speeches supporting the proposal of the Political Committee of the CC of the WPK for reelecting the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung the DPRK President.

The speakers stressed that to reelect the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung the DPRK President was a manifestation of the Korean people's absolute trust in and unbounded reverence for the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who, holding high the banner of the great Juche idea and surmounting manifold difficulties and ordeals for more than half a century long period, led the Korean revolution along the road of victory and glory, liberated the country, set up a powerful socialist state of independence, self-support and self-defence in this land and made our people a most dignified and proud people, and a manifestation of our people's unshakable will and resolve to hold him in high veneration and follow him for ever with loyalty. They warmly supported and approved the proposal.

The session reelected the great leader of our Party and our people, sun of the nation and legendary hero Comrade Kim Il Sung the DPRK President.

It was solemnly announced that the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was reelected the DPRK President with the unanimous and absolute support and approval of the entire attendants. The moment, the meeting hall resounded with stormy cheers of "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and thunderous applause.

All the deputies and observers were filled with a unanimous resolve to fight on vigorously to the end for the completion of the historic cause of national reunification and the cause of socialism and communism under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and they wished him good health and a long life.

The great leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung delivered the historic speech "Let Us Further Strengthen the People's Government" at the session.

All the assemblage heard his speech with deep attention and expressed full support and welcome for it.

LET US FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT

Speech of Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Delivered at the First Session of the Sixth SPA of DPRK

(All rise to their feet. Thunderous applause and enthusiastic cheers resounding through the hall. The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung appears on the rostrum amidst the hall-shaking shouts of "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!")

Comrade Deputies,

The elections to the Sixth Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have been held successfully under the ebullient circumstances in which the three revolutions are in full progress on all fronts of socialist construction and the entire people are waging a vigorous struggle for the reunification of the country and the nationwide victory of the revolution. **(Thunderous applause.)**

The working people including workers and all the citizens went to the polls with a high degree of political consciousness and revolutionary ardour as masters of the people's power and voted a hundred per cent for the candidates, thereby unequivocally expressing their solid support for the Government of the Republic and demonstrating once more to the whole world the unbreakable unity and cohesion of our society based on the Juche idea. **(Prolonged thunderous applause.)**

I offer my heartfelt thanks to the entire people for the unreserved support for and deep trust in the Government of the Republic they expressed in the recent elections, and to Comrade Deputies to the newly-elected Supreme People's Assembly for entrusting us, by reflecting the will of the entire people, with the honourable yet heavy responsibility of forming a new Government of the Republic so as to continue to conduct state affairs. **(All rise and give unending cheers of hurrah and thunderous applause.)**

Nothing is more honourable and worthwhile than to enjoy the people's confidence and to serve them faithfully. The new Government of the Republic will carry out its honourable mission faithfully to live up to the deep trust and great expectations of the masses of the people, and will work energetically for the welfare of the people and the prosperity and development of the country, for the victory of the cause of socialism and communism. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

In the past five years following the elections to the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly the revolution and construction in our country have made great progress. **(Prolonged loud applause.)** Because all our people under the correct leadership of the Government of the Republic have worked with soaring revolutionary zeal, the Six-Year Plan, a magnificent programme of socialist construction mapped out at the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, has been carried out with success and the three revolutions—ideological, technical and cultural—have developed further in depth. **(Loud applause.)** As a result, the material and technical foundations of socialism have been consolidated and the might of the Republic has increased noticeably in all domains of activity. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

Our people are now in a position to further step up the forward movement for the building of socialism and communism with the high pride of victors and a firm faith in the bright future. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

Today our people are confronted with the solemn tasks of attaining the new high targets of the Second Seven-Year Plan and achieving as soon as possible the complete victory of socialism and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

We should carry out our honourable revolutionary tasks without a hitch by further strengthening the people's government, a powerful weapon of the revolution and construction, and enhancing its functions and role in every way. **(Thunderous applause.)**

1. The Masses of the Working People Are the Genuine Masters of the State and Society

Comrades,

The masses of the working people are the subject of history and the motive power of social progress. The history of mankind is the history of the struggle of the working masses for independence; the creative activities of the popular masses underlie the development of history and the social movement. **(Prolonged loud applause.)** The masses of the people change nature and advance society, and also create material wealth and develop culture. There can be no society apart from the popular masses and history cannot develop without the masses of the people playing their proper role.

Although ever since they appeared on the stage of history the working masses have been at the centre of all social movements as the subject of history, their position and role have not been the same in all societies. With the class differentiation of society and the rise of state, the position and role of people came to be determined by whether they had state power in their hands or not.

State power signifies political authority and is the primary factor determining the position and role of people. In the exploiter society only the exploiting classes with state power have authority and exercise all powers, while the masses of the working people who have no state power enjoy no freedom and right, and remain mere objects of exploitation and oppression. Only in socialist society where they have power in their own hands, the working masses become the real masters of the state and society. In socialist society their independent rights are assured to the full, their great creative ability is brought into full play, and everything in society serves them. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

The revolution is a struggle for independence, and independence is guaranteed by state power. The independent rights of people find a concentrated expression in state power and, accordingly, if the working masses are to gain complete independence, they should become masters of political power before anything else. **(Thunderous applause.)** Only when they become genuine masters of the state and society with power in their hands, can they successfully settle all problems arising in the revolution and construction. This is why the question of power is the fundamental question in the revolution.

Our people waged a hard and unyielding struggle in the past for their rights as masters of the state and society, for their sovereign power, and solved the question of power brilliantly when they established the people's government. **(Prolonged thunderous applause.)**

Our people's government is a precious gain of the revolution won through a prolonged bloody struggle. **(Thunderous applause.)** Although it is 30 years ago that the people's government was established in our country, its historical roots had been laid way back in the days of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle. **(Prolonged thunderous applause.)**

The glorious anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle waged by our people under the guidance of the Korean Communists was a struggle for national liberation and independence and, at the same time, a struggle for the power of the working people. In the days of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle we laid down, on the basis of a scientific analysis of the tasks of our revolution and the social-class relations in our country, the Juche-oriented line of building the government—to establish the people's government based on the worker-peasant alliance led by the working class and resting on the united front of the broad popular masses. **(Thunderous applause.)** Following this line, we set up and ran the people's revolutionary government, a unique form of power, in the guerrilla bases, thus gaining precious experiences in building up the people's government. **(Thunderous applause.)**

Drawing on these experiences, we solved the question of power creditably in a short space of time after the liberation of the country, by successfully frustrating all the obstructive moves of the internal and external enemies. **(Thunderous applause.)** The people's government established on the high revolutionary enthusiasm of the people after liberation was a splendid embodiment of the line of building the people's government mapped out during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and was the immediate continuation of the people's revolutionary government organized in the guerrilla bases. **(Loud applause.)**

Our people's government is a Juche-based revolutionary government which we have chosen, set up and run for ourselves to suit the actual conditions of our country in keeping with the requirements of the Korean revolution and the desire of the working masses. **(Thunderous applause.)**

With the establishment of the people's government our people became real masters of the state and society who took power into their own hands for the first time in history and gained possession of a powerful weapon of the revolution and construction. **(Prolonged thunderous applause.)**

Ever since its founding the people's government has stoutly defended the freedom and rights of the working masses and guided the revolutionary struggle and construction work of our people towards a glorious victory. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

The prime task of our people's government was to build a new progressive social system. The people's government set forth the tasks of the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution as its fighting programme and carried out successfully the democratic reforms including the agrarian reform, and thus abolished the old colonial and semi-feudal social system and set up the people's democratic system. **(Loud applause.)** Following up the democratic revolution, the people's government embarked on the socialist revolution, and in a short period of time after the war, completed the socialist transformation of production relations in town and country and built a solid advanced socialist system free from exploitation and oppression in the northern half of the Republic. **(Loud applause.)** The socialist system of our country is the most superior social system which effectively guarantees for the working people their rights as masters of the state and society and safeguards their interests in every way. **(Thunderous applause.)**

Economic construction is one of the important revolutionary tasks to be carried out by the people's government. Upholding the slogan of self-reliance in its efforts for economic construction, our people's government carried through the Party's Juche-oriented line of building an independent national economy with honours. **(Prolonged loud applause.)** Thus, it put an end to the economic backwardness inherited from the old society and built creditably a powerful socialist independent national economy on the ruins where everything had been laid waste by the war, converting our country into a socialist industrial state with up-to-date industry and developed agriculture. **(Prolonged thunderous applause.)** The socialist independent national economy built by the heroic struggle of the working masses is a solid material foundation firmly guaranteeing the political independence of our Republic and a happy life of our people. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

From the beginning our people's struggle for building a new society was carried on in the difficult circumstances where the US imperialists and their lackeys persisted in their aggressive moves and provocations. Implementing our Party's revolutionary line of self-reliance in defence, the people's government created the revolutionary armed forces in good time and established a solid all-people defence system with the People's Army as its core. By relying on this system, it fulfilled the task of national defence admirably. **(Thunderous applause.)** When the US imperialists started an aggressive war against our young Republic, the people's government, as the banner of national freedom and independence, the banner of the people's struggle, aroused the People's Army and all the people to perform heroic feats and thus ensured the great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War. After the war it crushed at every step the enemy's unceasing moves of provocation and firmly defended the security of the fatherland and the revolutionary gains. **(Thunderous applause.)**

Ever since its inauguration, our people's government has traversed a road of tireless struggle and glorious victory and registered immortal achievements which will go down in the history of our country. **(Prolonged thunderous applause.)**

In the process of the difficult and complex revolutionary struggle the people's government has been strengthened and developed into an indestructible militant and virile revolutionary government. With the progress of the revolution and construction the political and economic foundations of the people's government have been further consolidated and its functions and role enhanced remarkably. **(Loud applause.)**

As the most revolutionary and independent socialist power, our people's government is today leading the just cause of our people confidently along the road of brilliant victory. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

Because there is the people's government our working masses hold their position firmly as masters of the state and society and play their role adequately in the revolution and construction. **(Loud applause.)** Under the people's government the independent rights of the working masses are guaranteed in full and their creativeness is given free scope. **(Applause.)**

With the profound consciousness and sense of responsibility as masters of the state and society, all our people including workers, peasants and working intellectuals are striving today with all devotion for the prosperity and development of the country and the victory of the socialist and communist cause. With the position and role of the working masses being elevated, the strength of the people's government is increasing further and the revolution and construction are forging ahead apace. **(Thunderous applause.)**

The masses of the working people who have become the genuine masters of the state and society are working with a high degree of independence and creativeness, and herein lie the great superiority of our socialist system and the definite guarantee of all our victories. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

With the founding of the people's government the true dignity and rights of man were restored, and our people who have enjoyed an independent and creative life to their hearts' content under the warm care of this government, keenly realize, through their own experience of life, its advantages and value. **(Loud applause.)** Today all our people trust the people's government profoundly and from the bottom of their hearts, and leave all their destinies to it. They are filled with a strong determination to fight on unyieldingly to the end, united firmly around this power, for the final victory of the revolution. **(Thunderous applause.)**

2. The People's Government Should Serve the Masses of the Working People

Comrades,

Our people's government is a genuine people's power which represents the interests of the working people and serves them. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

In our country sovereign power resides with the workers, peasants, soldiers and working intellectuals, who exercise it through the organs of people's government. The organs of power at all levels up to the Supreme People's Assembly are elected directly by the people and composed of representa-

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tives of the working people. Therefore, the organ of people's government can never be a ruling organ to dominate and rule the people, but should, as a matter of course, be the servant of the people devoted to the working masses. **(Loud applause.)**

It is an honourable mission of the people's government to faithfully serve the working masses. The people's government should deem it its duty to guard and protect the interests of the working masses, and the functionaries of the people's government bodies should be servants of the people. **(Loud applause.)**

To discharge its mission as the servant of the people, the people's government should give full scope to democracy in state activities.

Democracy is the basic mode of state activity serving the masses of the working people. Only by thoroughly introducing democracy in state activities, is it possible to make the working masses hold their position securely as masters of the state and society and to enhance their role in the revolution and construction.

Democracy is, in short, a polity comprehensively expressing the will of the masses of the working people. **(Applause.)** In other words, democracy means precisely that the state formulates its policy in compliance with the will of the broad sections of the working masses including workers and peasants, carries it out in their interests, and provides them practically with genuine freedom and rights and a happy life. **(Loud applause.)**

The masses of the working people play the decisive role in the development of society; in any society they make up the overwhelming majority of the population. Therefore, true democracy simply consists in politics where the will of the working masses makes the state policy and everything is dedicated to their interests. **(Loud applause.)** The politics which guards the interests of the narrow privileged circles without regard to the interests of the working masses can in no case be identified with democracy. The world knows only one genuine democracy and that is democracy for the working masses, socialist democracy. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

In capitalist society where all state policies are decided by the will and interests of the exploiting classes, there can never be true democracy. Capitalist society is a society where the minority rules the majority. The so-called "democracy" in capitalist society, bourgeois democracy, is a "democracy" for the minority and, therefore, it is not a democracy in the proper sense of the term.

In capitalist society there can be no democratic freedom and rights at all for the toiling masses. The imperialists vociferate in word about the "equality of all men" and "freedom of individuality", but, in fact, these are whopping lies. In capitalist society where all state powers and the means of production are in the hands of a few capitalists and money decides everything, how can there be equality between the billionaires and the poor toiling people and what kind of freedom can there be for the oppressed and exploited toiling people? The "democracy" noisily advertized by the imperialists is a bogus democracy, and the "equality", "freedom" and everything they bring forward are nothing but camouflages to hoodwink the toiling masses and cover up the reactionary character of the bourgeois dictatorship and the anti-popular nature of the capitalist system.

Genuine democracy can be materialized only in socialist society where the working masses are the masters of the state and society. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

Socialist democracy effected in our country today is the best democracy that allows genuine freedom and rights extensively and practically for the masses of the working people in all spheres of state and social life. **(Loud applause.)**

In our country all state policies are in accord with the will and interests of the working masses, and all people including workers and peasants enjoy a dignified and happy life to the fullest measure. **(Thunderous applause.)**

Our working people take an active part in state administration as masters of the country, and all have the equal right to elect and to be elected, irrespective of sex, occupation, property status, education, political views and religious belief. Further, they have wide freedom and rights as to speech, press, assembly, demonstration and all other social and political activities. **(Loud applause.)**

Our working people are granted the right to work and rest by the state, and everyone chooses his occupation according to his desire and ability, works to the top of his bent in a secure position, and displays all his energies and talents in the fruitful labour for society and himself. **(Loud applause.)** Our state bears the responsibility for providing all material conditions to the people to get food, clothing and housing, and has introduced universal compulsory gratuitous education and free medical care. **(Loud applause.)** Thanks to these popular policies of the state, all people are equally well off free from worries about food, clothing and shelter and about education and medical treatment. **(Loud applause.)**

All the social and political rights and material and cultural welfare of our people are not only legally assured by the Socialist Constitution but also firmly guaranteed by the advanced socialist system and the solid independent national economy. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

In our country where socialist democracy has been realized extensively, all working people, as equal members of society, fight for the common cause, respecting and closely cooperating with each other. **(Loud applause.)**

Our people are deeply convinced through actual life that socialist democracy is the only true democracy affording genuine freedom and rights and a bountiful and enlightened life to the working masses. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

We should optimize the advantages of socialist democracy, giving fuller scope to it.

In order to give full scope to socialist democracy, it is necessary to enlist the working masses extensively in the work of the people's government and to enhance their role steadily in the state and political life.

The working masses are entitled in their right to participate in the work of the people's government since they are the masters of state power, and it is also their important duty to do so. We should firmly build up the organs of power at all levels with fine representatives of the workers, peasants, soldiers and working intellectuals, and further improve the system and method of work at the people's government bodies to provide the broad sections of the people with ample opportunities to participate extensively in the work of the people's government. Along with this, we should constantly educate and awaken the working masses so that all of them take an active part in the state and political life with great consciousness and enthusiasm as masters of state power. Thus, we will see to it that all the policies and activities of the people's government correctly reflect the will and needs of the working people and thoroughly defend their interests. In other words, the politics of the people's government should always be politics for the working people and politics of the working people themselves. **(Applause.)**

With faith in the strength of the popular masses, the people's government organs should closely rally the vast masses and actively stir up their revolutionary enthusiasm and creative wisdom. In this way the masses of the working people should be encouraged to defend their dignity and rights and accomplish their desire and ideal through their own struggle. **(Applause.)**

In order to give full scope to socialist democracy, it is also necessary to build the socialist economy and culture efficiently.

Successful building of the socialist economy and culture is the practical guarantee for providing the working masses with democratic freedom and rights and a happy life.

We should improve the guidance and management of the national economy, steadily consolidate and develop the economic system of socialism and vigorously push forward socialist economic construction, so that production is increased rapidly in industry, agriculture and all other fields of the national economy and the material and technical foundations of socialism further strengthened. By so doing, we should make the people's life more plentiful as a whole, eliminate the distinctions between the working people in their living standard and working conditions and guarantee fuller social equality and freedom for all the working people. **(Applause.)**

We should step up the building of socialist culture and thus further consolidate and develop the advanced systems of education and health services already established in our country, and introduce various new cultural measures for the people, so as to provide all people with a more affluent and cultured life. **(Applause.)**

The people's government organ, as the householder in charge of the economic life of the country and the people's livelihood, should improve and strengthen its guidance and assistance to the economic and cultural construction and responsibly organize and carry out the work of improving the material and cultural life of the people.

In order to give full scope to socialist democracy, it is essential to resolutely combat all manner of hostile acts detrimental to the interests of the masses and to socialist democracy.

Socialist democracy presupposes the dictatorship over the class enemies of the working people, and so it is accompanied by an acute class struggle. Since the day when the world saw the emergence of socialist democracy, the imperialists and their lackeys and the overthrown class enemies have all along made, and are making even now, every attempt to vilify and spoil socialist democracy.

Today the imperialists including the bosses of US imperialism, posing as "champions" of democracy and human rights, are more feverish than ever before with slinging mud at socialist democracy and staging an anti-communist campaign against the socialist system. Clamouring for "defence of human rights", the imperialists are attacking socialist countries. This is as shameless and ridiculous an act as that of a thief raising a hue and cry.

In the contemporary world, it is precisely in Western imperialist countries and satellite states of imperialism where social inequality is most glaring and the oppression of the people and violation of human rights are most shocking. It is only too logical that in capitalist society devoid of democracy the popular masses should enjoy no human right. In capitalist society the working masses have no human dignity and political rights at all. They are denied even the elementary right to live. If ever there is a "human right" in capitalist society, that is only the right enjoyed by the handful of privileged circles to bleed the toiling masses white for their own enrichment and prosperity and to oppress and despise the people.

As for the so-called "suppression of human rights" in socialist countries mentioned loudly by the imperialists, it is a just step aimed at defending democracy from its adversaries for a socialist state to take sanctions against the hostile elements and rogues who violate democratic order and try to wreck the socialist system. The "human rights" espoused by the imperialists are human rights not for the people but for the enemy of the people, and the "freedom" they want is not the democratic freedom of the people but the freedom of the imperialists and their stooges to carry on subversive activities.

Just as we Communists do not conceal our Party spirit, so we do not hide the class character of democracy. Socialist democracy is by no means a supra-class democracy that affords freedom and rights even to the hostile elements who oppose socialism and to the rogues who infringe upon the interests of the people. Socialist democracy means precisely to provide freedom and rights to the broad masses of the people including workers, peasants and working intellectuals, while restraining the handful of class enemies. **(Loud applause.)**

We should stick to the class stand and revolutionary principle in all spheres of social life and completely suppress the hostile elements and the wicked who encroach upon the people's interests. **(Applause.)** In particular, we should deal a resolute counterblow at the imperialists' anti-communist intrigues carried on under the plea of "defence of human rights", and should promptly frustrate all attempts to disparage socialist democracy. **(Applause.)**

When we defend socialist democracy stoutly from the mischief of the class enemies within and without and fully practise democracy in all fields of state activities, our people's government will be further strengthened and the people will enjoy a happier and more fruitful life. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

3. Let Us Repudiate Bureaucracy

Comrades,

Bureaucracy should be repudiated to further strengthen the people's government and enable it to fulfil its mission.

Bureaucracy is an anti-popular method of government used by the officials of the old society in oppressing and exploiting the people. Bureaucracy is the direct antithesis of democracy, and it is not tolerable on any account in the activities of the people's government which serves the people. Only when the people's government organs get rid entirely of bureaucracy can they positively defend the interests of the people and faithfully serve the working masses. **(Applause.)**

Repudiation of bureaucracy in the work of the people's government is always an important issue because the government bodies are organs of power. The people's government organs are organs of the dictatorship of the proletariat, and the functionaries of the government bodies conduct their work on the authority of state power. Therefore, there may appear among the government functionaries devoid of a revolutionary world outlook practices of infringing on the people's interests by abusing their power and of acting in a bureaucratic manner.

From the very inception of the people's government we made bureaucracy a major object of struggle and have combatted it persistently. Thanks to the correct guidance of the Government of the Republic and the active efforts of the government workers, bureaucracy has been eliminated in the main. But in view of the remnants of old thinking lingering in the minds of the functionaries, the danger of bureaucracy still remains. If we, carried away by the successes achieved so far, neglect the struggle against bureaucracy in the least, bureaucracy can appear at any time.

Bureaucracy is manifested in forcing upon the popular masses anything against their will and in acting to the prejudice of the interests of the people. No matter what a functionary's intention may be and how it may be expressed, if he imposes on the popular masses what goes against their will and encroaches on the people's interests, all this is bureaucracy.

A leftover from the old society, bureaucracy bars the people's government from fulfilling its mission and does much harm to the revolution and construction.

The harm of bureaucracy lies, above all, in paralyzing the independence and creativeness of the popular masses. By imposing unreasonable things willy-nilly on the popular masses in disregard of their will and wishes, bureaucracy violates the people's independent rights and dampens their revolutionary ardour.

Bureaucracy also does the serious harm of alienating the working masses from the people's government. In peremptorily ordering the masses and shouting commands to them and acting against the people's interests, the bureaucrats discredit the people's government in the eyes of the masses and stand in the way of uniting the broad masses around the Government of the Republic.

When some individual functionaries act bureaucratically in socialist society where all activities are organized and all branches are interlinked organically, it will seriously affect the work in many fields and entail grave consequences.

We should intensify the struggle against bureaucracy continuously and wipe it out thoroughly in the work of the people's government organs. **(Applause.)**

The struggle against bureaucracy is a struggle to do away with the remnants of the old society and further strengthen the people's government, and a struggle to safeguard the interests of the popular masses through giving full scope to socialist democracy. **(Loud applause.)** All functionaries of government bodies should regard the struggle against bureaucracy as an important revolutionary task to fulfil their duty as servants of the people, and carry on this struggle actively with high political consciousness. **(Applause.)**

In order to eliminate bureaucracy the functionaries of the people's government organs should go to the popular masses, hear what they want with willing ears and conduct all work in their interests.

It always goes against the will and interests of the people to sit in one's office and do one's work from one's subjective point of view without going to the popular masses. Only when a functionary goes among the masses can he gain a correct knowledge of the realities and keep himself well acquainted with the will and wishes of the people.

The will and wishes of the popular masses represent the highest principles determining all the activities of the people's government. The people's government organs should keep in touch with the masses, listen attentively to the opinions of the people and shape all policies in conformity with their requirements. Before adopting some decisions or giving directions, they must always go to the lower levels, study the actual conditions well, hold a good consultation with the masses, and make the people's interests the first consideration in organizing and conducting all work. **(Applause.)**

If the functionaries of the people's government organs are to go among the popular masses and work in their interests, they should thoroughly apply the Chongsan-ri method. **(Loud applause.)**

The Chongsan-ri method is the most popular and revolutionary method of work based on the Juche conception of the masses. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

The functionaries of the people's government organs should have a correct viewpoint on the popular masses and go to them to work, study and live with them. They should on no account be bureaucrats who lord it over the people to issue orders and commands, nor should they be special beings detached from the masses. They should always live together with the people, eating and dressing alike, and be their partners through thick and thin. **(Applause.)** They should also listen to the voices of the people, satisfy their needs promptly, teach and learn from them, and educate them to rise up to carry out the revolutionary tasks. When they become one with the masses, working and living with them with one mind and one-purpose, they will get better acquainted with the needs of the people and serve them more faithfully. **(Applause.)**

Correct guidance and management of the socialist economy is an important duty of the people's government organs. In guiding and managing the economy, these organs should strictly observe the principle of collective leadership reflecting the will of the broad masses.

The socialist economy is a highly socialized large-scale economy, and the popular masses are its owners. Therefore, only by implementing the principle of collective leadership in the guidance of the economy to encourage the broad masses to take an active part in economic management, is it possible to manage the socialist economy in a scientific and rational way in the interests of the people.

In order to get rid of subjective, arbitrary decisions and give effect to the principle of collective leadership in the guidance and management of the economy, it is necessary to apply the Taean system of work. In conformity with the demands of the Taean work system the people's government organs should widely enlist the producer masses in economic management, go among them to mobilize their collective wisdom and creative enthusiasm for the solution of all problems. **(Loud applause.)**

The elimination of bureaucracy requires the strengthening of socialist law-abiding life among the leading personnel of the state and economic organizations.

Our socialist law is the basic weapon of state administration created by the people themselves to safeguard the interests of the working masses. In our country today all people are fully guaranteed democratic liberties and rights in all domains of state and social life by socialist law. When socialist law-abiding life is strengthened to make all state and economic cadres faithfully observe socialist law, bureaucracy prejudicial to the interests of the popular masses will be eliminated and the democratic freedom and rights of the people ensured more fully.

The people's government organs should see to

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it that socialist law-abiding life is strengthened among the state and economic cadres to make them willingly observe the legal order of the state, jealously guard the interests of the popular masses, and strive hard to become true servants of the people. **(Applause.)**

The basis of socialist law-abiding life is the legal provisions and regulations. The people's government organs should make legal provisions and regulations for different fields of activity in accordance with the Socialist Constitution and constantly improve them to suit the requirements of the developing realities. **(Applause.)**

It is a sacred duty of all citizens to respect socialist law and observe it willingly. The state and economic cadres should conduct all their work in keeping with the requirements of laws and regulations and be models for the masses in observing the legal order of the state and the socialist norms of life.

In intensifying socialist law-abiding life it is important to increase the role of the law-abiding life guidance committee.

An important duty of the socialist law-abiding life guidance committee is to control by law the leading personnel of the state and economic institutions to prevent them from abusing their power and create a revolutionary atmosphere of law observance in the whole society.

The socialist law-abiding life guidance committee should strengthen the education of the leading functionaries of the state and economic institutions in the spirit of obeying laws. The Socialist Constitution and other legal provisions and regulations of the state should be explained widely to heighten the law-abiding spirit of the leading workers of the state and economic institutions so that they may observe laws and regulations of their own accord.

The socialist law-abiding life guidance committee should resolutely combat practices of violating the laws. This committee should always supervise the observance of the legal order of the state by all leading functionaries of state and economic institutions and apply strict legal sanctions against all those functionaries who break laws and regulations, behave themselves bureaucratically and infringe on the interests of the people. Thus, it will check bureaucracy by law and thoroughly protect the interests of the working masses. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

Comrade Deputies,

We will embark upon the fulfilment of the Second Seven-Year Plan next year.

The principal task of the Second Seven-Year Plan is to further strengthen the economic basis of socialism and raise the people's living standard still higher by making the national economy Juche-oriented, modernized and scientific at an accelerated pace. **(Thunderous applause.)**

At the end of the Second Seven-Year Plan we shall annually produce 56,000-60,000 million kwh of electricity, 70-80 million tons of coal, 7.4-8 million tons of steel, one million tons of nonferrous metals, 5 million tons of engineering products, 5 million tons of chemical fertilizers, 12-13 million tons of cement, 3.5 million tons of aquatic products, and 10 million tons of grain; reclaim 100,000 *chongbo* of tideland; and increase production over twice as much as at present in many fields of the national economy. **(Prolonged thunderous applause.)**

The Second Seven-Year Plan is a grand plan of economic construction for firmly equipping all branches of the national economy with modern technology and further increasing the economic power of the country, and is a splendid blueprint for hastening the historic cause of the building of socialism and communism. **(Thunderous applause.)**

When the new long-term plan is fulfilled, remarkable progress will be made in our people's struggle for the complete victory of socialism, and all our people will enjoy a happier and more fruitful life in all political, economic and cultural fields. **(Thunderous applause.)**

The whole country and the entire people should rise in the struggle to carry out the Second Seven-Year Plan and launch a vigorous general forward movement to reach the high targets of the new long-range plan. **(Prolonged loud applause.)**

In order to fulfil the Second Seven-Year Plan with success, we should keep strictly to the line of three revolutions—ideological, technical and cultural. Vigorous promotion of the three revolutions is a strategic policy consistently pursued by our Party in socialist construction; thorough implementation of the line of three revolutions constitutes the decisive guarantee for the brilliant fulfilment of the Second Seven-Year Plan. The government bodies at all levels and the entire people should bring about a new, great upswing on all fronts of socialist construction by energetically carrying on the three revolutions. **(Thunderous applause.)**

The economic foundation already laid in our country is very powerful and its productive potentialities are enormous. If we make effective use of the existing economic foundation, we can boost production much more than at present, develop the country's economy as a whole at a higher rate and carry out the new long-range plan successfully without large investments. We should further strengthen the existing economic foundation, equip it with modern technology and bring out its might to the full. **(Loud applause.)**

We should apply the revolutionary principle of self-reliance more thoroughly in the period of the Second Seven-Year Plan. All the working people should firmly arm themselves with the Juche idea and fully display the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance to explore what is in short supply and produce what is lacking, and thus successfully carry out the Second Seven-Year Plan with our own strength, technique and resources. **(Thunderous applause.)** "Let us display the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance more fully!"—this is our revolutionary slogan to be put up throughout the Second Seven-Year Plan period. **(Thunderous applause.)**

The entire people should turn out as one man and fulfil the Second Seven-Year Plan with flying colours, thereby once again demonstrating the heroic spirit of our people to the whole world. **(Prolonged thunderous applause.)**

Comrades, the Government of the Republic is a genuine defender of the democratic freedom and rights of our people and a revolutionary banner for the independence and prosperity of the country. **(Thunderous applause.)** With the strengthening and development of the people's government, our people will become happier and more dignified and our country will prosper and develop endlessly. **(Thunderous applause.)**

In the future, too, as in the past, all people should put deeper trust in the people's government they have elected, thoroughly implement its policies and make every effort to strengthen and develop it. **(Loud applause.)**

Invincible are our people who, under the correct leadership of the Government of the Republic, have taken power into their own hands and are fighting on for the just cause. **(Thunderous applause.)**

Let us all move forward vigorously, holding aloft the banner of communism, the revolutionary banner of the Juche idea, and rallied closely around the Government of the Republic, for the independent, peaceful reunification of the country and the nationwide victory of the revolution and for the cause of socialism and communism. **(All rise from their seats, send up the shouts of "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and burst into rousing cheers and thunderous applause ceaselessly rocking the hall.)**

WARM CHEERS RESOUND ACROSS THE LAND BRIMMING WITH HAPPINESS

Cheers of *manse* (hurrah) burst forth at the conference hall.

Fervent voices of radio announcer and telecaster reverberate far and wide.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was reelected the President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the First Session of the Sixth Supreme People's Assembly. This glad news has thrown our people into ecstasies of joy and excitement.

Our people are aflame with an adamant resolve to reverentially attend the great leader forever and follow him till the end of the earth and their faces are all filled with unbounded national pride, honour and happiness.

No wonder!

Our people, deprived of all rights, had long been subjected to humiliation and maltreatment of the feudal rulers and imperialist oppressors.

In the days gone by, our country had long been eclipsed on the world map and our national treasures were plundered by the aggressors. And our people suffered every kind of extortion and humiliation. But there was no court of appeal before which their sorry situation could be brought.

At a time when the destiny of the country was exposed to the most serious threat, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung set out on the road of revolution and saved the country from the ruin, ushering in a new history of national resurrection.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"The Government of our Republic has established the most advanced socialist system in this land where exploitation and oppression prevailed before, and converted our backward colonial agrarian country in a very short time into a socialist power with its solid independent national economy and enormous defence capacities. It has brought about a brilliant flowering and development of science and culture and achieved great successes also in the work of revolutionizing and working-classizing the whole society."

All the proud victories and successes achieved in our country today and the fundamental changes brought about in the status of our people are all the brilliant fruition of the tested guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his noble virtues.

Displaying his unusual ability of leadership, the great leader overcame one difficulty after another, defeated two imperialist aggressors in one generation and saved our people from the crisis. Nor is this all. He led to victory our people's struggle for the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution, socialist revolution and socialist construction and built in this land a powerful socialist country of independence, self-reliance and self-defence with the result that our country could greet a new age of socialist civilization in all domains, social, economic and cultural and there started an era of unheard-of national prosperity we see today.

The fatherly leader took all of us to his all-embracing heart and brought them up to fully play their role in the sacred struggle, thus enabling them to enjoy a worthy life and honour.

The workers and peasants who had long been oppressed and humiliated before liberation and their sons and daughters are now the masters of power, SPA deputies, Heroes of the DPRK and talented scientists and artistes. All of them have become proud people who are enjoying the most hope-filled life in the world living and working to their hearts' content with the most precious political integrity.

All things—the epochal changes that have taken place in this land and people's happiness and honor—are linked up with the great leader without exception and our happiness of today and our brighter morrow are hardly thinkable apart from his gentle affection.

That is why our people chant hymns of praise to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

As there is the leader Korea shines
And as there is the leader we are happy.
We will hold Marshal Kim Il Sung in high esteem
And remain loyal to him generation after generation.

It is our people's unshakable will and faith to follow the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung to the end of the earth, having him as our President.

Feeling it our highest honour and greatest happiness to have the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung as the President, we will vigorously advance along the road indicated by him, with our hearts burning with intense loyalty to him.

Yun Jong Ok

↑ Informed of the glad news that the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was reelected President of the DPRK, workers of the Kim Jong Tae Electric Locomotive Plant send up rousing cheers of "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!", overwhelmed with deep emotion and feelings of loyalty

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← At the happy news that the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was reelected DPRK President, members of the Taesong Co-op Farm, Pyongyang, give themselves up to a tumult of joy and excitement

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